
SENATE BILL No. 21

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-37.5-1; IC 35-43-2-2; IC 35-43-4-2.

Synopsis: Theft of metal. Expands the definition of "valuable metal", and removes the provision exempting valuable metal transactions under \$100 from reporting requirements. Requires a valuable metal dealer to photograph the person from whom the dealer purchases valuable metal and the valuable metal being purchased and to record the source of the valuable metal. Requires the superintendent of the state police to notify valuable metal dealers of valuable metals that are particularly susceptible to theft. Makes trespassing a Class D felony if it is committed on a facility belonging to a public utility. Raises theft and receiving stolen property to a Class C felony if the stolen property is a valuable metal taken from a public utility, railroad, or highway department and the absence of the metal creates a substantial risk of bodily injury to a person. Requires the law enforcement training board to adopt rules to provide, as part of the inservice training program for police officers, training concerning the theft of valuable metals and the regulation of valuable metal dealers. Makes a technical correction. Repeals obsolete provisions relating to the definition of valuable metals. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the sentencing policy study committee.)

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SENATE BILL No. 21

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-37.5-1-0.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: **Sec. 0.2. As used in this chapter, "core**
4 **buyer" means a person engaged in the business of purchasing or**
5 **acquiring small component motor vehicle parts for resale,**
6 **including catalytic converters, automobile radiators, and batteries.**

7 SECTION 2. IC 25-37.5-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.63-2008,
8 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. (a) When used in this chapter, "valuable metal"
10 means any product made of ~~ferrous metal or nonferrous~~ metal that is
11 readily ~~used or useable~~:

12 (1) by a public utility; a railroad; a county; city; or state highway
13 department; a public or private school; or a postsecondary
14 educational institution; or

15 (2) on residential or commercial property;
16 **may be resold. The term includes small component motor vehicle**
17 **parts.**

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(b) As used in this chapter, "valuable metal dealer" means any individual, firm, corporation, limited liability company, or partnership engaged in the business of purchasing and reselling valuable metal either at a permanently established place of business or in connection with a business of an itinerant nature, including junk shops, junk yards, junk stores, auto wreckers, scrap metal dealers or processors, salvage yards, collectors of or dealers in junk, and junk ~~carts~~ cars or trucks. **The term includes a core buyer. The term does not include a person who purchases a vehicle and obtains title to the vehicle.**

(c) As used in this chapter, "purchase" means acquiring a valuable metal product ~~or products~~ by a ~~valuable metal dealer in a single transaction of one hundred dollars (\$100) or more~~ for a consideration, but does not include purchases between scrap metal processing facilities (as defined in IC 8-23-1-36).

SECTION 3. IC 25-37.5-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.170-2007, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, every valuable metal dealer in this state shall enter on forms provided by the state police department for each purchase of valuable metal the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the dealer.
- (2) The date and place of each purchase.
- (3) The name, address, age, and driver's license number or Social Security number of the person or persons from whom the valuable metal was purchased.
- (4) The valuable metal dealer shall verify the identity of the person from whom the valuable metal was purchased by use of a government issued photographic identification. The dealer shall enter on the form the type of government issued photographic identification used to verify the identity of the person from whom the valuable metal was purchased, together with the:
 - (A) name of the government agency that issued the photographic identification; and
 - (B) identification number present on the government issued photographic identification.
- (5) The motor vehicle license number of the vehicle or conveyance on which the valuable metal was delivered to the dealer.
- (6) The price paid for the metal.
- (7) A description and weight of the valuable metal purchased.
- (8) The source of the scrap metal.**
- (9) The photograph described in subsection (b).**

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1 After entering the information required in this subsection, the
 2 valuable metal dealer shall require the person or persons from
 3 whom the valuable metal is purchased to sign the form and verify
 4 its accuracy.

5 (b) In addition to collecting the information described in
 6 subsection (a), a valuable metal dealer shall take a photograph of:

7 (1) the person from whom the valuable metal is being
 8 purchased; and

9 (2) the valuable metal.

10 ~~(b)~~ (c) A valuable metal dealer shall make and retain a copy of the
 11 government issued photographic identification described under
 12 subsection (a)(4) used to verify the identity of the person from whom
 13 valuable metal was purchased **and the photograph described in**
 14 **subsection (b).** However, a valuable metal dealer is not required to
 15 make a copy of a government issued photographic identification used
 16 under subsection (a)(4) to verify the identity of the person from whom
 17 valuable metal is purchased if the valuable metal dealer has retained a
 18 copy of a person's government issued photographic identification from
 19 a prior purchase from the person by the valuable metal dealer.

20 ~~(c)~~ (d) The completed form, **the photograph described in**
 21 **subsection (b),** and the copy of the government issued photographic
 22 identification described in subsection ~~(b)~~ (c) shall be kept in a separate
 23 book or register by the dealer and shall be retained for a period of two
 24 (2) years. ~~Such~~ **This** book or register shall be made available for
 25 inspection by any law enforcement official at any time.

26 ~~(d)~~ (e) A valuable metal dealer may not accept a damaged or an
 27 undamaged metal beer keg if either of the following applies:

28 (1) The keg is clearly marked as the property of a brewery
 29 manufacturer.

30 (2) The keg's identification markings have been made illegible.

31 SECTION 4. IC 25-37.5-1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.3-2008,
 32 SECTION 206, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 3. The superintendent of the state
 34 police department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 as may be
 35 necessary to administer and enforce the provisions and intent of this
 36 chapter. The superintendent shall also prepare and distribute a list to
 37 each valuable metal dealer describing

38 ~~(1)~~ valuable metal products ~~of interest to public utilities; railroads;~~
 39 ~~county, city, or state highway departments; public or private~~
 40 ~~schools; or a postsecondary educational institution; and~~

41 (2) valuable metal products of interest for use on residential or
 42 commercial property.

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that are particularly susceptible to theft.

SECTION 5. IC 35-43-2-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 2. (a) A person who:

(1) not having a contractual interest in the property, knowingly or intentionally enters the real property of another person after having been denied entry by the other person or that person's agent;

(2) not having a contractual interest in the property, knowingly or intentionally refuses to leave the real property of another person after having been asked to leave by the other person or that person's agent;

(3) accompanies another person in a vehicle, with knowledge that the other person knowingly or intentionally is exerting unauthorized control over the vehicle;

(4) knowingly or intentionally interferes with the possession or use of the property of another person without the person's consent;

(5) not having a contractual interest in the property, knowingly or intentionally enters the dwelling of another person without the person's consent; or

(6) knowingly or intentionally:

(A) travels by train without lawful authority or the railroad carrier's consent; and

(B) rides on the outside of a train or inside a passenger car, locomotive, or freight car, including a boxcar, flatbed, or container without lawful authority or the railroad carrier's consent;

commits criminal trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Class D felony if it is committed on a scientific research facility, **on a facility belonging to a public utility (as defined in IC 32-24-1-5.9(a))**, on school property, or on a school bus or the person has a prior unrelated conviction for an offense under this section concerning the same property.

(b) A person has been denied entry under subdivision (a)(1) of this section when the person has been denied entry by means of:

(1) personal communication, oral or written; or

(2) posting or exhibiting a notice at the main entrance in a manner that is either prescribed by law or likely to come to the attention of the public.

(c) Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to the following:

(1) A passenger on a train.

(2) An employee of a railroad carrier while engaged in the performance of official duties.

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(3) A law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency response personnel while engaged in the performance of official duties.

(4) A person going on railroad property in an emergency to rescue a person or animal from harm's way or to remove an object that the person reasonably believes poses an imminent threat to life or limb.

(5) A person on the station grounds or in the depot of a railroad carrier:

(A) as a passenger; or

(B) for the purpose of transacting lawful business.

(6) A:

(A) person; or

(B) person's:

(i) family member;

(ii) invitee;

(iii) employee;

(iv) agent; or

(v) independent contractor;

going on a railroad's right-of-way for the purpose of crossing at a private crossing site approved by the railroad carrier to obtain access to land that the person owns, leases, or operates.

(7) A person having written permission from the railroad carrier to go on specified railroad property.

(8) A representative of the Indiana department of transportation while engaged in the performance of official duties.

(9) A representative of the federal Railroad Administration while engaged in the performance of official duties.

(10) A representative of the National Transportation Safety Board while engaged in the performance of official duties.

SECTION 6. IC 35-43-4-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 2. (a) A person who knowingly or intentionally exerts unauthorized control over property of another person, with intent to deprive the other person of any part of its value or use, commits theft, a Class D felony. However, the offense is a Class C felony if:

(1) the fair market value of the property is at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); or

(2) the property that is the subject of the theft is a valuable metal (as defined in IC 25-37.5-1-1) and:

(A) relates to transportation safety;

(B) relates to public safety; or

(C) is taken from a:

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1 (i) hospital or other health care facility;

2 (ii) telecommunications provider; or

3 (iii) public utility (as defined in IC 32-24-1-5.9(a));

4 and the absence of the property creates a substantial risk of
5 bodily injury to a person.

6 (b) A person who knowingly or intentionally receives, retains, or
7 disposes of the property of another person that has been the subject of
8 theft commits receiving stolen property, a Class D felony. However, the
9 offense is a Class C felony if:

10 (1) the fair market value of the property is at least one hundred
11 thousand dollars (\$100,000); or

12 (2) the property that is the subject of the theft is a valuable
13 metal (as defined in IC 25-37.5-1-1) and:

14 (A) relates to transportation safety;

15 (B) relates to public safety; or

16 (C) is taken from a:

17 (i) hospital or other health care facility;

18 (ii) telecommunications provider; or

19 (iii) public utility (as defined in IC 32-24-1-5.9(a));

20 and the absence of the property creates a substantial risk of
21 bodily injury to a person.

22 SECTION 7. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
23 JULY 1, 2009]: IC 25-37.5-1-0.3; IC 25-37.5-1-0.6.

24 SECTION 8. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009] (a) The law
25 enforcement training board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
26 provide, as part of the mandatory inservice training program for
27 police officers under IC 5-2-1-9(g), training in the prevention and
28 investigation of the theft of valuable metal (as defined in
29 IC 25-37.5-1-1) and enforcement of the laws relating to the theft of
30 valuable metals, including the laws regulating valuable metal
31 dealers.

32 (b) This SECTION expires June 30, 2011.

33 SECTION 9. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009] IC 35-43-4-2 and
34 IC 35-43-2-2, both as amended by this act, apply only to crimes
35 committed after June 30, 2009.

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